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<b>REQUEST FOR REFUND UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.26 or PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.182</b>  Address to: Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231	Customer Number	24353
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Sir:

In connection with the present application and filing a Request for Continued Examination, Applicants have paid for a three-month extension of time. A refund of the fee is requested. Applicant has taken this action of filing the Request for Continued Examination with extension fees and requesting a refund thereof at the suggestion of the Examiner who consulted with his Supervisor.

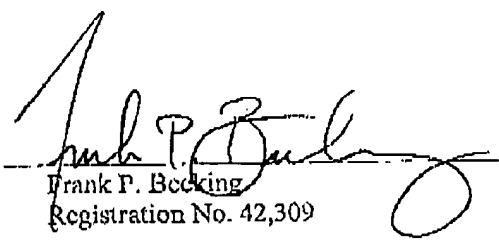
Though a response was filed in the present application, it has not received consideration by the Examiner due to the file having been lost at the Patent Office. This fact was communicated by the Examiner to the undersigned in a telephone conversation subsequent to the timely filing of the response.

Further to Applicants' Request for Refund, they wish to assert that any delay associated with issuance of the present application due to the need for filing an Request for Continued Examination should be treated as a Patent Office delay and, hence, add to the patent term if appropriate.

No fee is believed to be required for this request under §1.26. However, in the event that the Patent Office deems this paper to be more properly submitted under §1.182, then please handle the matter as such and debit Deposit Account No. 50-0815, order number LIFE-010 as appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Enclosures:

- X Request for Continued Examination Trans. RCE in Duplicate (2 pgs)
- X Copy of Amendment Under 37 CFR 1.116 filed 11/8/02 (7 pgs)
- X Request for Refund (1pg.)

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